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O. J. Goulter tells of China Missions

By Mrs. Muriel Jordan

When peace descended on China it found our mission schools, homes, churches and hospitals in the hands of the Japanese military. The Japanese were ordered to vacate and surrender arms, but there was no one to whom they could surrender! This paradoxical situation led to endless confusion and our properties were looted by both Chinese and Japanese. For example: When the Japanese commanding officer moved out of our Ginling College the Chinese army carried out 40 truckloads of furniture, pianos, etc., on the theory that they belonged to the Japanese and were therefore now the rightful property of the Chinese army. Of course the furniture belonged to the Mission, and will now have to be entirely replaced. Local Chinese Christians are trying desperately to save these properties, but unfortunately it takes only a few hours, or even minutes for an army to bring in 40 or 50 trucks, load them up and drive away.

Our Church and Grade School at South Gate in Nanking were allowed to continue operation during the war years, although many of the members were scattered. 350 pupils are enrolled in each of the Primary and Middle Schools. Drum Tower Church was taken and used as a school by the Japanese. It is now back in our possession. The Christian Girl's School buildings and residences were all occupied by the Japanese and furnishings looted.

Our Primary and Middle Schools at Wuhu are still usable as well as the missionary residences which makes this the least damaged of any of our stations in China.

The Chuchow residences, schools, churches and hospitals were all taken over by the Japanese. Some were burned and all are badly battered. Work in the 10 outstations near Chuchow has been largely suspended.

Services have been held at the Hofei Church, though many people were afraid to attend. Mr. Goulter has not been able to go to Hofei as yet, because the Japanese tore up and carted away the railroad track and burned the depots. The Hofei Hospital, Rural Center and residences are all said to have been completely stripped of all supplies and furnishings by the Japanese. All equipment will need to be replaced before the work can be resumed and extensive repairs will have to be made. The Hofei Christian Girl's School has also been used by the Japanese military and little furniture can be recovered. As soon as the school property can be cleared of military supplies a small school will be opened by the local Christian group until Miss Wilkinson returns and the High School can be reopened.

Mr. Goulter also mentioned the bombing and complete destruction of our Hospital building and residence at Nantungchow and the Church there was taken by the invaders.

In conclusion Mr. Goulter said "I would like to report how urgently all our Chinese friends are asking for the return of the missionaries. They will

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Hoven House Purchased by N. C. C. for Dormitory

By Kenneth Johnstone

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As you send these wishes to us you also emphasize their significance by your generous and faithful support in your gifts, your enlistment of youth to be trained for Christian leadership and your prayers. We accept your cheery good wishes as much more than conventional phrases.

We, in turn, send to you the same significant seasonal greetings with the same all-the-year-round emphasis. Our contribution is to present Christ Jesus and His Gospel to youth so effectively that they will become ardent advocates of the only way of redemption from sin which is first offered to men.

As we contemplate the meaning of the Incarnation, we are constrained to proclaim to the fullest extent of our abilities under God's providential guidance three basic concepts of Christianity: The way of salvation offered by the resurrected Christ; the privilege of freedom in Christ; the imperative need for the unity of Christ's professed followers that the world may believe in Him and receive His offer of life eternal.

The fact that the Son of God came to earth as the Babe of Bethlehem reminds us that the way of salvation, while as profound as life and God is also simple and direct. Men have often obscured it by their speculations, their rituals, their tawdry attempts to decorate perfection and their apparent attempts to avoid obvious responsibility by veiling God's revelation. Our need once more is to turn to the clear, intelligible directions given in the New Testament and follow them.

In the coming year we may continually prove ourselves to be "Christians and Christians only in the Church of Christ and the Church of Christ alone." —Ross J. Griffeth.

During the first two terms the class studies the general history of Christian missions, including the missionary message, fields, methods and achievements. The third term is used for the study of missionary enterprises conducted by the Churches of Christ. Within the limits of available time the work of all missionaries sent out by the Churches of Christ under whatever auspices is given careful attention so that the students will have a comprehensive understanding of their amazing achievements.

Special attention is given to guiding the preparation of the large number of young people now enrolled in N. C. C. who earnestly desire, as missionaries, to join the notable Christians who have gone out from this institution in previous years to remote and difficult fields, as heralds of the Gospel.—Fern. E. Griffeth.

Hoven House

The building known as "Hoven House" has recently been purchased by Northwest Christian College. It is used as a boys dormitory. The purchase price of the house, plus necessary improvements, will be about $12,000. More than two-thirds of this amount has already been received in special gifts. Those who desire to have a part in providing a home for the boys who live in this house (about 30) should designate their gifts to "The Hoven House Property Fund." This is the only available place at the present time for these students to live. It is located opposite the campus on 11th Street.

Student Evangelism

Readers will rejoice with the faculty and students over the victories that have attended the efforts of student preachers in their student ministry. This month we direct your attention to the Christian Church at Oakland, Oregon.

The pastor is Freeman Yardley, a second year student at N. C. C. He began his ministry with the Oakland Church in June 1945. There have been 32 additions, 23 by baptism and 9 by statement. Five of those baptized had been Roman Catholic. The Oakland Church has recently completed a successful five-day rally with Teddy Leavitt, Sr., doing the preaching with eight additions, two of which were by baptism. The Bible School and church attendance has increased 450 per cent.

Mr. Yardley is ably assisted by Mrs. Yardley. They have two children. At the present time they are looking forward to the mission fields for their life work. Miss Gladys Holbrook, of N. C. C., assists Mr. and Mrs. Yardley at Oakland.

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New Translation of New Testament Ready by February 11

For 15 years eminent language scholars have been laboring on a new translation of the Bible. The New Testament Section of this will be ready for release on February 11, 1946. This new translation will turn the original Greek text into the everyday language of Americans of today. The work has been one purely of translation, not interpretation. Archaic words and expressions such as "thou, thee, thy, thine, haply, privily," etc., are omitted and current words and phrases used in their place.

The translation of the Old Testament will take about four more years. Throughout its research and revision, the committee has consulted with an Advisory Board composed of representatives of the different denominations.

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Church House Burned

Word reaches us that the Springfield church house was burned to the ground during the recent high water. We have not learned the exact extent of the damage, but the report is that it is almost total. But the church is strong both numerically and spiritually. We doubt not that they will rise to the emergency and erect even a better building than they had. Claude O'Brien is the pastor.

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Shannon Honored

We have been informed that Dr. Thompson L. Shannon, pastor of First Church in Portland has been honored by having the "First Citizen" degree bestowed upon him. If we are not mistaken this is the first time it has been given to the clergy. Congratulations, Tom!

Burns Building Fund Grows

By Ed P. Dewees

With additional millennium Minute Men offerings coming in with each mail the $600 mark has been passed in designations for the Burns building fund. Many new recruits have joined the MMM ranks to more than offset the loss of members occasioned when the closing of war plants and other causes led them to other states. A number of these have maintained contact, however, and have forwarded their offerings along with fine letters of encouragement to the brethren at Burns. There remains a sizeable group still to respond to the call, so the minimum goal of $1,000 should be reached and surpassed.

To date the men of Mallory Avenue Ninety and Nine Class hold the honors in the tally of responses with the 30 listed. Their MMM secretary, Al Bobbitt, is right on the job and can be counted on to guard that position. Albany and Kern Park men were tied for second place at the last count with 21 responses each. By next month some interesting contests should be evident, especially if more of these MMM secretaries are appointed to lead the "sheep to the shearers."

It was the privilege of this reporter to visit the Burns folks on the occasion of their watch party and business meeting to usher in the New Year. Certainly the need for a building is a paramount issue. A sudden thaw brought them a flood problem in the last week of the old year when the furnace pit of the theatre building filled with water. Difficulties in "pumping out" and restoring the furnace to running condition caused suspension of services December 30 immediately after the Bible School roll was taken. Despite the building handicap average Bible School attendance for the month was 31 and for church service 28. On Christmas Sunday morning an offering of $14.13 was taken for the Beaverton Home and in the evening a record attendance of 60 was reached for the Christmas program.

The church now has over $1,100 in cash for the building fund and extends thanks to all who have shared in it. The Central Oregon churches voted $25 to Burns from the Fifth Sunday Rally at Redmond. Other organizations, classes and churches have likewise assisted. Brother and Sister Bower and all the members of the church solicit your prayers. Address communications to Milton W. Bower, Box 1143, Burns.

Team Begins at Lorane

Willie White and his new helpers, Truman and Virginia Robbins, planned to open their 1946 schedule at Lorane January 6. Next will be a meeting at Redmond in February.

A short meeting with Dayton Church, Dallas Meserve, minister, was closed on December 16 with 3 responses, 1 by confession, 1 for baptism, and 1 by transfer of membership. The church was strengthened by the meeting.

The preceding meeting at St. Helens closed December 2 with 31 responses—5 confessions, 4 transfers, and 22 re-

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Important

Our attention has been called to an act of the last legislature which affects the taxation of church property. It provides that "all church and other religious organizations, ... must file with the county assessor of the county in which such institution or organization is situated on or before February 1, 1946, a list of all real property claimed to be exempt and show the purpose for which such property is used before any exemption from taxation will be allowed."

It is important that you see your county assessor before February 1 or you may get a tax notice for your church property. DO NOT NEGLECT IT.

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The Week of Compassion

The plight of the refugees of the world is not greatly relieved even now that the fighting is over. There are uncounted multitudes in desperate need in all parts of the world. Ministers, missionaries, and layworkers have suffered much by internment or imprisonment. Churches, chapels, schools, and hospitals beyond present counting have been destroyed in the bombings of China and the Philippines, Italy and France, Germany and Greece.

Disciples of Christ have a continuing responsibility to share in meeting these obligations. The call comes again for a Week of Compassion, February 17-24, in which we shall give of our means to sustain Christian service in the areas of war-created emergency. The war is not over yet for the millions of refugees in Europe struggling to return to their homes which may be found in ruins, or for the starving and freezing.

The goal for this week is at least $500,000, to be administered (1) by brotherhood agencies in aid to the chaplains who have gone out from our churches, in the Committee on War Services, the Commission on World Order, and for relief and rehabilitation in the Philippines and Japan; (2) Through agencies in the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction for relief and reconstruction in Europe and Asia, where the emergency is greatest.

Every church is urged to assist. Materials to assist in building a program may be had by writing to The War Time Service Fund, Irvington Station, Box 5636, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

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AMITY — Planning our centennial celebration. Watch service held on New Years eve. B. F. Caldwell, pastor.

NEWPORT — Held a union Watch Night service with an interesting and inspirational program. Church gave $54 to the Jewish work in Portland and New York. Eldon Wiidanen, pastor.

ST. HELENS — The meeting by Willie White resulted in 5 confessions, 4 statements and 24 reconsecrations. Robert Neal, pastor.

Centennial Fund

(Complete to December 31)

This column this month will carry the story of how much each church has pledged, and how much paid on the pledges, to the centennial fund. All personal pledges are credited to the church, except in certain miscellaneous contributions. Find your church and see where it stands:

Church	Pledged	Paid
Albany	$ 1,500.00	$ 928.00
Alvadore	11.00	11.00
Amity	170.25	162.25
Ashland	166.25	139.55
Athena	624.00	324.00
Astoria	142.84	85.00
Baker	667.00	504.84
Beaverton	50.00	50.00
Bend	457.00	199.00
Brownsville	122.00	54.29
Canby	440.00	425.00
Carlton	259.00	229.00
Central Point	159.00	144.00
Coburg	36.00	36.00
Coquille	589.50	520.60
Corbett	30.00	30.00
Corvallis	159.00	159.00
Crabtree	51.00	51.00
Creswell	94.25	94.25
Dallas	895.50	643.50
Dayton	208.00	83.00
Drain	17.12	8.12
Dufur	146.00	111.00
Elkton	34.00	34.00
Enterprise	153.00	153.00
Estacada	73.00	55.00
Eugene First	1,445.50	1,255.50
Fall Creek	101.00	86.00
Falls City	128.00	103.00
Forest Grove	829.00	579.00
Franklin	96.00	71.00
Florence	16.00	14.00
Garibaldi	34.00	15.00
Gladstone	170.13	144.13
Glendale	29.00	10.00
Glide	21.00	21.00
Grants Pass	977.00	894.00
Halfway	100.00	85.00
Halsey	80.00	50.00
Harrisburg	25.00	25.00
Heppner	352.00	210.00
Hermiston	413.00	263.00
Hillsboro	332.15	258.15
Hood River	494.00	384.00
H. R. Valley	332.00	237.00
Ione	64.00	30.00
Jefferson	197.00	197.00
Junction City	61.00	52.00
Klamath Falls	1,850.00	1,678.17
Kent	300.00	200.00
La Grande	311.50	233.00
Lebanon	565.00	480.00
Lexington	116.00	109.00
Liberty	3.00	3.00
Lostine	115.00	60.00
Medford	344.00	329.00
Medford Central	12.00	12.00
Mill City	544.00	442.00
Milton	700.00	436.00
Molalla	35.00	10.00
Monmouth	212.00	177.00
Multnomah	884.00	696.00
Myrtle Creek	101.00	101.00
Myrtle Point	104.00	99.00
McMinnville	592.40	516.40
Newberg	861.00	771.00
Newport	192.00	192.00
Ninety and Nine	425.00	425.00
No. Bend	562.50	333.00
Nyssa	97.00	26.00
Oakland	137.00	111.00
Oakridge	39.00	29.00
Odell	55.00	55.00
Oregon City	371.00	336.00
Pendleton	1,452.00	1,084.50
Perrydale	115.00	115.00
Pleasant Hill	138.10	113.10
Portland Central	1,002.00	837.00
Port. Community	10.00	10.00
Port. Englewood	677.50	417.50
Portland First	1,008.50	858.50
Port. Kern Park	1,146.00	1,060.00
Port. Mallory	900.00	74.00
Port. Sellwood	407.00	217.00
Port. St. Johns	903.00	717.50
Port Orford	30.00	16.00
Phoenix	24.00	24.00
Redmond	352.10	47.10
Richland	15.00	12.00
Riddle	20.50	20.50
Rockaway	35.00	35.00
Roseburg	178.00	93.00
Salem Court	657.50	577.57
Salem First	1,367.00	1,270.00
Scio	142.00	122.00
Scotts Mills	126.00	1.00
Seaside	57.50	34.50
Sheridan	158.00	153.00
Silverton	785.00	160.00
Sisters	5.00	5.00
Stayton	1,006.90	1,004.90
St. Helens	5.00	5.00
Sutherlin	24.70	24.70
Sweet Home	105.00	88.00
The Dalles	602.00	512.75
Thurston	61.00	61.00
Tillamook	1,406.00	1,116.00
Toledo	31.00	31.00
Trent	251.00	199.00
Turner	248.00	198.00
Vale	139.00	119.00
Vernonia	400.00	325.00
Wallowa	198.00	198.00
Walton	20.00	20.00
Warrenton	20.00	20.00
Willamina	259.00	161.00
Woodburn	65.00	25.00
Wasco	41.00	41.00
Yamhill	244.00	234.34
Yoncalla	47.00	47.00
Zion	42.00	42.00
Miscellaneous	278.50	228.50
Totals	$40,285.69	$30,853.71

It is the desire of the State Board that every pledge shall be paid by convention time in 1946. If your pledge is not yet paid, please begin now to pay on it. It has not been humanly possible for Brother Bates to cover the entire field in the two and one half years he started in to do. Therefore the Board has arranged with him to stay in the field during the entire year of 1946. The entire year is a centennial year. But in doing this his primary purpose is not to collect pledges already received, but to reach new sources of gifts. Our objective is that every church shall be represented in this fund. Please help us.

Youth of Today Unlock the Door of Tomorrow

January 27 to February 3 is known as "Youth Week." Beginning more than 30 years ago with Christian Endeavor a Youth Sunday was observed, and it later grew into Youth Week.

More than 3,000,000 young people are expected to participate in the observance of Youth Week in 1946. Your young people will want to be a part of this great multitude.

At the present time we find the age 17 predominating in the frequency of arrests for both sexes combined, and this is followed by the ages 19, 21 and 22. Youths too young to vote accounted for 21.4 percent of the arrests last year, and unless a concerted effort is made now through the media of the church and the home, these same juvenile delinquents may be the hardened criminals of tomorrow. This challenge is one which we cannot afford to disregard. Truly, the youth of today are unlocking the door of tomorrow. What they find inside will depend upon what is done for them and with them today.

Youth Fellowship Meets

During November six Christian Youth Fellowship Meets were held in La Grande, Portland, Salem, Roseburg, Coquille and Medford. There were 262 youth registered beside the adult youth leaders. Thirty-five churches were represented. The adult leaders assisting in them were Mrs. Muriel Jordan, Marian Snider, Mrs. Muriel Smith, G. Hayden Stewart, Delvon Long, Oma Lou Myers, Frances Hyland, Erma Rickard, Gene Robinson, Dudley Strain and C. F. Swander. It was a blessed fellowship and there are calls for a repetition of them.

Field Staff Meets

The headquarters and Field Staff of Religious Education met in St. Louis December 4-10. This staff numbers above 50 and nearly all were there. The meetings were held in the Third Baptist Church—an educational plant costing $525,000. These meetings have most usually been held in the conference room at the Christian Board of Publication Building; but expanding business has compelled them to use some of this room for offices.

The agenda of the meeting covered the whole field of Christian education. Considering the many years this staff has been covering this field one would think that it would be about exhausted. But this meeting certainly discounted the old saw which says "there is nothing new under the sun." We have thought sometimes that we have heard it all, but each time we attend one of these meetings it is evidence that we have not.

We cannot possibly review here all that was done there. But just a mere taste: In the children's field experimentation is to be made with junior camps. This is a difficult field and nobody knows too much about it yet. In the youth field special emphasis is being placed on Pioneer Camps (intermediates). We were especially interested in this for we have been experimenting on this in Oregon. In the adult field special emphasis is to be placed upon building a program that will capture the attention of young adults. In the general field a long range program will be projected that will have large objectives in mind. You will be apprised of these things as they come along so we will refrain from saying more now.

Classes for Convention

The Educational Committee is busy building the best class program we have ever had at State Convention. It is too early to release any of their plans before they complete their work, but it is safe to say now that the convention date will be June 24-30; and that there will be at least four classes two periods long each day. There are some other aspirations the Committee has and which we hope may be ready for release in the February issue.

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NEWBERG—46 baptisms, 44 statements in 1945. Bible School averaged 229 for the year. Have $750 in an organ fund. Gave about $3,000 to all missions. Started fund for an educational annex with an offering of $1,406. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

ESTACADA—15 responses from the junior department on December 23. 3 were baptized the next Sunday. This was result of regular teaching. Earl C. Chandler, pastor.

ATHENA—The church is beginning the support of 1 living link missionary, 1 orphan and 1 aged person, and one scholarship in N. C. C. plus board and room. C. Paul Moore, pastor.

DRAIN—J. H. Powell, pastor, and his wife were injured in an auto accident on December 22. Mrs. Powell was not severely hurt but Brother Powell will be hospitalized for several weeks. A. E. Gardner, elder.

PORTLAND (Sellwood) — Observed Womans Day with Mrs. Thelma Stanley as speaker. It was said to be the best in a long time. The evening service is growing in attendance. Wm. J. Brooks, pastor.

Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

The year 1945, while offering many hindrances to missionary work in many places, yet saw considerable expansion in others, with quite a number of new missionaries going into the fields. Many more are ready to leave as soon as possible.

Those who know Harry Schaefer, Sr., so recently returned to India, will be sorry to hear that serious illness is forcing his return to the United States. Mrs. Schaefer will, of course, return with him. Because of this emergency a group of young missionaries are endeavoring to get ready to leave this month to assume responsibility for the work of the Schaefer mission. They are Miss Marian Schaefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer Sr., and a trainee in the Cadet Nurses Corps; O. D. Johnson, minister at Junction City, Kansas, a graduate of Manhattan Bible College; Leah E. Moshier, graduate of Pacific Bible Seminary, and Director of Christian Education in the Alvarado Church in Los Angeles; and Dolly M. Chitwood, who received her Bible training at Pacific Bible Seminary and has been serving as Chaplain's Assistant in the Los Angeles General Hospital. Anyone wishing to help these worthy people in this emergency should send funds without delay to Martin E. Schaefer, 2203 S. Fremont St., Alhambra, California.

E. J. Gilstrap reports that a larger number of individuals and churches has given larger support to Turner Memorial Home in 1945 than ever before. The Carr Memorial Dairy, built at the Turner Home at a cost, including equipment, of more than $3,000, has been given a "Grade A" rating. About 100 acres of pasture and hay land near the dairy building has recently been purchased. Two beloved members of the Home, Sister Good and Brother Lanktree, have recently gone to their eternal home. Christmas was a very happy occasion at the Home.

We mentioned the serious illness of Harry Schaefer, Sr. The work started by him in India's Central Provinces in 1928 has made splendid growth. There have been over 1,100 baptisms. There are 7 congregations for training native workers, a Children's Home of over 100 children, 3 schools to educate Indian Christian, and an evangelistic force reaching over 200 villages regularly.

Sarah Kelso, one of our group of Alaska missionaries, was united in marriage to William Gates December 27, 1945, at West Side Church of Christ Compton, California. Bill Gates was baptized by Cal Hartman, in a bay near Juneau, Alaska. He is taking a course in San Jose Bible College. After he has completed his four years there he and Sarah plan to return to Alaska to establish a Children's Home in or near Ketchikan.

Bill Ricketts is teaching school at Beaver, Alaska, 150 miles north of Fairbanks, just about to the Arctic Circle. He expects to establish a mission station in this far northern community.

Ray and Julie Adams report progress in Crooked Creek, Alaska, a fishing village on the Kuskokwim River. But more adequate support is needed. It would be fine if this couple should be taken as living links by some church. A church building is needed and Ray says that by doing the work himself $800 will do it. Here's a chance for some church to build a church.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. H. Cook, missionary-evangelists in New York are looking for 12 young people who will dedicate themselves to the cause of Christ in that great field. They report 3 recent baptisms, including a mother who is part Jewish.

We have had no word from Melba Palmer since November. Then she said: "The Lord is leading and removing all obstacles so that it seems quite possible that I may be able to start for the field (West China) in January as I had hoped." Address Melba Palmer, 1411 Walnut St., Eugene, Ore.

Berl Thomas is getting settled in the work with Japanese-Americans near Gunnison, Utah. He quotes a Japanese-American boy as saying: "When I get big I'm gonna get me a jet plane and go to China and tell all the children there about Jesus." Address him at Box 343, Gunnison, Utah.

And don't forget Harry and Mrs. Chapin, Carson City, Nevada. Their success depends upon the help they receive from others. Address, Harry Chapin, Box 389, Carson City, Nevada.

BURNS BUILDING FUND

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consecrations. Bob Neal is the minister and he and the church showed their appreciation for the meeting by twice attending the Dayton services. Both St. Helens and Dayton returned good offerings for their meetings.

Oregon City is Host

On December 3 the Oregon City church entertained 108 men of the Metropolitan-Northwest District in the regular Bi-monthly rally which had been postponed one week to clear another meeting. This in no way diminished the spirit of the occasion. Immediately following the dinner served by the ladies the program was begun. Virgil Byers led the song service, following which Brother Piper, of Oregon City, installed the new district officers. Lloyd Arnett, district chairman, conducted a brisk business meeting during which aims and objectives of the district for the coming year were outlined and pledges and offerings were received. The "hill-billy" orchestra, under the direction of Brother Barnes, brought some real entertainment, and Brother Warnock, of the Oregon City Church, sang "The Great Awakening" for the inspirational note preceding the address on "Problems and Boys" by Philip K. Hammond, an Oregon City Attorney. The meeting was closed with a devotional thought from Elery Parrish. The next rally will be held at Sellwood January 28.

Rally at The Dalles

The Mid-Columbia rally was held at The Dalles on December 10 with 38 men present (35 from The Dalles). A fine dinner and meeting was held about the tables with special music by Miss Thelma Kinchloe in the form of two vocal solos, and by Francis and Mr. Babbs who sang two duets. A brief word of the state program and a report on the Burns church was given by your reporter. Teddy Leavitt brought the message of the evening, thus putting his "rest night" to good use. An offering of $69.05 was received via the traditional Mid-Columbia dishpan method, of which $50 was forwarded to the state treasurer on district pledge.

McKenzie Men Meet

The regular rally of the McKenzie District was held at Santa Clara on December 17. After a pot-luck supper the business and program session was continued in the auditorium. Dr. Burnett led the singing with Mr. Hulen at the piano. Vic Hershiser led in prayer.

The business of the evening was conducted by President Bendshadler who called for a report of the nominating committee. Ross J. Griffeth was nominated for president, Dr. L. L. Baker for vice-president, and Mr. C. A. Lyman for secretary-treasurer, all from Eugene First Church. They were unanimously elected and in the absence of Brother Griffeth a brief word was given by Dr. Baker regarding opportunities for future growth.

A devotional thought was given by Chaplain Galen Jordan, recently returned to the U. S. A. from duty in both Germany and Japan. He sounded an emphatic call to awake from complacency, ably illustrating that Christ is the only answer to the world's need. The message from Juan Baronia on "Apostolic Evangelism" appropriately followed, pointing the way to bring the world to Christ by taking the gospel to the world. The next rally will be held in First Christian Church February 18.

New Central Oregon Officers

A business meeting of the men of the Central Oregon churches was held December 30 during the fifth Sunday rally at Redmond. The nominating committee appointed at the last Ninety and Nine rally at Bend gave its report and an election was held. Leslie M. Ross, of Bend, was elected district chairman; Geo. Fairfield, of Redmond, vice-chairman; Paul Griffith, of Redmond, secretary; and Charles Entriken, of Bend, treasurer. Tentative date for the next rally was set at February 15 and Redmond as the place. The rally would thus fall during the evangelistic meeting there with the White team and could be effectively used to gather a large group of men for evangelistic service. A definite decision was made to sponsor a boy's camp in 1946 with a committee named to check on a camp site since the skyliners Lodge might not be available.

Mallory Men Active

The Mallory Avenue Ninety and Niners recently elected new officers to guide their work the coming year. Ralph Reason was elected president. Russ Farries vice president, Gerald Wood secretary, and John Inman treasurer. In the much publicized battle between the Anglers, Nimrods and Trappers in the intra-mural attendance contest the Trappers "trapped" their opponents. As a result fish dinner will be provided on January 8 by the Anglers and the Nimrods will "shoot the works" on the program end.

Forest Grove vs. Kern Park

Another battle has been fought between the Ninety and Nine classes of Forest Grove and Kern Park over the question of attendance, but as this copy goes to press we had not learned whose shots brought the victory. Both were going strong at last report and we hope to get in on the forfeit dinner to report the final outcome for the next issue.

Facts on the Figures

Nearly every district has forwarded at least one payment on the state budget, the Metropolitan district leading with $374. Receipts to date, exclusive of some $400 in field offerings, are over the $1,000 mark—a good start. Every local class or fellowship and every district must follow through to keep up steam. Remember state treasurer Noble's new address, 3554 N. E. Sandy Boulevard, Portland 13. Also new MMM envelopes are now available. Send to Ed Dewees, 9022 N. Mohawk Ave., Portland 3, for as many as you can use.

Church Seats for Sale

The Springfield Church has about 300 theater seats they will sell since the burning of their church. Any church needing and desiring such type of seats will do well to communicate with Claude O'Brien, pastor, Springfield, Oregon.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

Northwestern Christian Family has enjoyed a pleasant Christmas season. All 25 members of the family were able to come to Christmas meals and to the morning Christmas tree, though Mrs. Judson Brown had to be very careful of a healing broken arm. Several special gifts helped with material supplies for the season. A neighbor supplied chickens for the Sunday before Christmas. A friend in McMinnville sent a 30 pound turkey for Christmas, Milton friends sent money for an extra supply of eggs. Seattle friends sent money for more than a crate of oranges. From Yakima came a half a beef and from other friends some apples. These with many other personal and group contributions help for the Christmas season and long after.

New Years Party

The holiday season came to an end with a party on New Years Day. Some gifts came to be given out without names. These were conspicuously arranged in display. The members of the family drew numbers, then Number 1 got first choice and so on until the supply came to an end.

It is usual to temper our joys with a little trouble and this season was no exception. The shaft of the stoker broke and the superintendent and her helper had to shovel a lot of coal while it was being repaired.

New Guests

Nine of our guests have entered the family since last Christmas and were spending their first Christmas in the Home. The latest of these to come was Mrs. Emma Wilt, who entered the home December 4. Mrs. Wilt was born at Unionvale, Iowa, April 25, 1863. She was a member of the church in Santa Clara, Oregon, where her husband was a deacon until the time of his death. Mrs. Wilt later went to Grand Island, Nebraska, and entered the Home from that church.

Contributions

It appears that cash contributions are lagging considerably behind the record of last year, though exact comparison cannot be made until after the end of January. Total contributions received at the Home during the five months beginning July 1 and ending November 30 were $77.73 less than the corresponding five months of last year. Industrial conditions apparently have reduced the offerings in some places and weather conditions have delayed remittances in others.

Our first post-war project is to be a well to provide water for the Home grounds. We have Bull Run water for domestic use. A contract has been let for the drilling of a well and it is expected that work will begin soon.—Walter L. Myers.

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HOLLEY — A. B. Bristow closed a meeting on December 9 with 4 baptisms and 1 reconsecration. "Brother Benton (Harry) is doing the best work of his ministry. Mrs. Benton has one of the largest junior church attendances in the state." Arlo B. Bristow, evangelist.

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DUFUR — The pastor, R. L. Porter, has resigned to accept a call to Hood River Valley.

O. J. GOULTER TELLS OF CHINA MISSIONS

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not hear of renting any of the buildings even for a short time as they want them in readiness when the missionaries arrive. Several new workers are ready to sail for Chuchow and Nangtungchow. If my own experience is any criterion a hearty welcome awaits all who can return."

Among the missionaries who have applied for passports and transportation to China are: Dr. Lewis S. C. Smythe, who will leave early this month; J. H. McCallum, Edwin Marx, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Plopper. Stella Tremaine and Lyrel Teagarden were scheduled to sail the latter part of December.

Word from Japanese

A letter was recently received by Pres. Robert M. Hopkins, of U.C.M.S., in reply to an inquiry by him concerning the status of various Japanese churches and native workers in Japan. It said in part: "We are glad to report that all the leaders you mentioned have survived the air raids and are going about their work. All the pastors formerly affiliated with the Disciples of Christ are safe and are working. We are thankful that two of our largest schools in Tokyo were unharmed during the air raids and school work was continued in both of them during the war years. There are 400 girls enrolled in the Girl's School and Bible study and Chapel services are carried on as before. In the Boy's School we have more than 500 enrolled. (In the spring of 1944 there were more than 1,000 boys and over 800 girls enrolled). Bombings and war work account for the decline in enrollment. Tokyo lost nearly 860,000 homes in the air raids. The church buildings of Tennoji, Koishi Kawa, Takinagawa, and Sendai were completely destroyed by fire. The kindergarten and parsonage and one of the day nurseries were also burned. The medical dispensary of the Sasakusa Institute is safe. Tennoji Kindergarten and five of our churches in Tokyo are intact.

"It is impossible to estimate the Japanese Toyko church membership at present as the people are scattered and some killed. We lead an especially inconvenient existence because we have lost home, clothing, bedding, furniture and utensils and nothing can be bought. Any scraps of cloth, thread, of any bits of food would be of great help if such could be sent. Lack of shelter and clothing is a great problem, but the most vital issue is the lack of food. Several millions of Japanese people will have starved to death by next summer if food is not sent at once."

Paul E. Kennedy arrived in Manila early in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Holroyd left Mexico in December for six months furlough.

Missionaries recently arrived in India are: Mrs. McDougall, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Gamboe. Those coming from India on furlough are: Neva Nicholson, Anna B. Cowdrey, Edith Clare Ealden, Dr. Elizabeth Lutz, Vida Elliott, Dr. Hope H. Nichoson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Potee.

Calendar of Events: Brotherhood Month, February; Youth Week, January 27 to February 3; Race Relations Sunday, February 10; World Day of Prayer, March 8.

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ENGLEWOOD (Portland) — Having "Building Fund Kickoff" Dinner January 11. This opens campaign for new building. Alton Brostrom, pastor.

The "Do's" of a Good Worship Service

By Mrs. Thelma Stanley

DO have a topic, thought, or theme in keeping with the program.

DO choose hymns that emphasize the topic.

DO have a scripture that fits the topic.

DO make use of good poems, stories, illustrations that will help to bring out the thought of the service.

DO make use of the musical talent that you have in the church.

DO prepare the service well in advance. Last minute preparation will not put leader in right spirit.

DO see that the room is clean, neat, warm, and in readiness before the service starts.

DO pass out material to be used before the meeting starts. It otherwise tends to interrupt the spirit of the meeting.

DO pray that the worship service will be a spiritual experience.

The "Dont's" of a Good Worship Service

DON'T choose hymns just because you happen to like them.

DON'T choose the scripture just because it happens to be a favorite or familiar one to you.

DON'T have the special musical number just anything the singer wants to sing.

DON'T give excuses for not having planned a better service.

DON'T ask people to participate in the service at the last minute. Ask them in advance.

DON'T expect the worship service to be spiritual if you are not spiritual yourself.

During January for the Oregon Prayer Minute pray that prospective members of the Church will be won to Christ this year.

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PREACHERS PARLIAMENT

Oregon preachers should not forget the annual Preachers Parliament at Eugene January 22-24. Hugh McCallum is sweating blood to get places for men to stay. It will be a joy to him if in the end his labor has borne fruit in the occupancy of rooms. So, Men! Go to the parliament and occupy the room Hugh has for you.

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ZION—Ralph Helseth has resigned as pastor. This is a student point.

THE DALLES—3 baptisms, 4 transfers, and 20 reconsecrations in December. C. Warner, pastor.

MARCOLA—Closed meeting December 30 with 8 confessions, 1 statement, and 16 tithers. Clyde Freeman is pastor. Arlo B. Bristow, Evangelist.

MULTNOMAH — Don Byers and I will hold special services at Oretown, on the coast, January 6-13 in effort to start a church. Elery A. Parrish.

ST. JOHNS (Portland)—Average a. m. attendance 215; p. m., 122; prayer-meeting, 35. Men sponsored, cooked and served an all church dinner in honor of returning service men. Howard C. Cole, pastor.

ASTORIA—Two by statement, property debt all paid with balance on hand to finish up the building. Clifford Snyder, pastor.

DAYTON—Putting in an oil furnace and landscaping the church grounds. Dallas Meserve, pastor.

BEND—Starting fund for a parsonage. Len B. Fishback, pastor.

December Additions

The first number indicates baptisms; the second, transfers:

Albany, 1-1; Astoria, 0-2; Athena, 2-0; Baker, 1-0; Bend, 2-4; Central Point, 2-1; Corbett, 0-1; Crabtree, 0-2; Dallas, 6-1; Dayton, 2-1; Drain, 1-0; Dufur, 2-2; Fairmount (Eugene), 0-4; Fall Creek, 0-1; Forest Grove, 4-3; Glendale, 1-7; Grants Pass, 1-1; Hermiston, 0-6; Hillsboro, 1-0; Holley, 4-0; Jefferson, 2-0; Klamath Falls, 0-9; La Grand, 2-1; Marcola, 8-3; McMinnville, 0-1; Medford First, 1-4; Milwaukie, 3-0; Newberg, 0-3; Newport, 2-0; No. Bend, 3-1; Oakland, 2-0; Oregon City, 3-9; Pendleton, 2-6; Central (Portland), 2-21; Kern Park (Portland), 0-1; Sellwood (Portland), 2-3; Mallory Ave. (Portland), 0-4; St. Johns, 0-2; Roseburg, 3-3; Salem Court, 0-2; Salem First, 5-7; Sheridan, 0-4; St. Helens, 4-6; Sutherlin, 6-13; Tillamook, 1-2; Wallowa, 0-1; Yamhill, 3-2; Totals, 88-151.

Beaverton, 1-0; Multnomah, 2-0; Portland Englewood, 1-5.

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KLAMATH FALLS — The Bible School registered nearly 300 for November. The new assembly rooms for primaries and juniors on the balcony have proved a blessing. Held a two weeks meeting for Medford Central with 3 baptisms. Started a Youth for Christ movement with over 600 out the first night. Had a service for returning veterans and families with 225 to the dinner. Howard Hutchins, pastor.

McMINNVILLE—Observed Women's Day with a good audience; E. R. Moon gave the address, with an offering of $176. S. J. Osborne, pastor.

NYSSA—Planning to hold an evangelistic meeting in January with Paul DeF. Mortimore, Idaho's state secretary, preaching. Geo. R. Whipple, Jr., pastor.

PENDLETON—Took special offering November 18 for the parsonage fund and received $2,613.75, making a total of $5,500 in that fund. O. D. Harris, pastor.

YAMHILL—Baptized 3 Methodists; 1 transfer from the "anti" brethren, and 1 from the Baptists. Church voted to improve the building at a cost of about $3,000. Rex Lawson, pastor.

VERNONIA—W. O. Livingstone, pastor for the last ten years, has given his resignation to take effect February 1. He will enter business in Hood River.

MARCOLA—A. B. Bristow held a meeting at Marcola in December. There were 5 confessions the first Sunday. He goes to Drain January 13. He has open dates in February and March. Write him at 754 E. 14th Ave., Eugene.

STAYTON—Call has been extended to Chaplain J. Tyrrell-Baxter. Congratulations to both.

CRABTREE — The church building has been reshingled; the inside has been cleaned and painted. Ward A. Rice, pastor.

FAIRMOUNT — November was "Go to church" month. The attendance was 20 per cent gain over November 1944, and a 10 per cent gain over October, 1945. Walter Naff, pastor.

BAKER—Bible School has increased over last year. All services are well attended. One life recruit for missionary work. F. W. Zook, pastor.

CORBETT—A "99" men's class has been organized and they have 4 teachers instead of one. The Junior Church has about 25 attendance. An addition to the church building has been started. Walter A. Barnes, pastor.

DALLAS—There were 32 baptisms and 33 statements during 1945; one reconsecration. Fred L. Towne, pastor.

State Offerings

December 1-31, 1945

CHURCHES: Albany, $50; Canby, $50; Coquille, $20.85; Englewood (Portland), $56.25; Enterprise, $35; Eugene First, $100; Grants Pass, $27.53; Hood River, $36; Kern Park (Portland), $20.84; Klamath Falls, $15; Liberty, $10; Mill City, $19.35; Nyssa, $9.33; Portland First, $150; Roseburg, $66.52; Silverton, $50; St. Johns (Portland), $85.11; Vanport, $53.12, Total, $854.90.

SCHOOLS: Portland First, $200; The Dalles, $12.88. Total, $212.88.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: Klamath Falls, $125; Grants Pass, $5.88; Cottage Grove, $5. Total, $135.88.

INDIVIDUALS: B. Ross Evans, $15; Meyer Tan-Ditter, $2; Courtney C. Swander, $7.50; T. G. Richardson, $3; F. A. Hurner, $5; L. W. Amick, $20; Wayne Jensen, $10; Mrs. W. A. Hemenway, $10; Mrs. George, $1.20; Mrs. A. M. Peterson, $5. Total $78.80.

There has been a slight upward trend in the state offerings in December. The grand total is ahead of one year ago. But it will have to be large to keep up January with one year ago, for that was more than $1,500. Let us keep up our interest in all the missionary work. That is the last phase of our tasks that should be let to drop. Keep all the offerings going. We are concerned not only about the state but about the whole program of Christian missions.

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FOREST GROVE—Added over $2,000 to the building fund in December and have a total of $16,000 now. January will be observed as active membership and roll-call day. Hubert E. Sias, pastor.

GLADSTONE—Wilbur R. Hensley, on leave of absence in the chaplaincy for three years, returned to the pastorate January 6. During this time A. F. Van Slyke has been supplying. He is now available within driving distance of Portland. His address is 3025 N. E. 49th Ave., Portland 13, Oregon.

LIBERTY — We have our church plans and are ready to start the building as soon as materials are available. C. R. Moore, pastor.

NO. BEND — The church choirs of North Bend united for a vesper Christmas cantata in which the pastor was a soloist. Ivan Correll, pastor.

ROSEBURG—Christmas offering for Northwestern Christmas Home was $208.24. A new furnace has been installed. The Bible School Attendance has increased 11 per cent since October 1. Kenneth W. Knox, pastor.

WASCO—Closed evangelistic meeting December 2 with Frank Moon as the preacher. Bad weather hindered. Roy A. Pittman, pastor.

MARCOLA—8 baptisms and 1 statement in meeting by A. B. Bristow. 18 signed the tithing covenant. Clyde F. Freeman, pastor.

PORTLAND (Central) — 167 additions and $42,225.65 income during 1945. James Earl Ladd, pastor.

VALE—3 baptisms and 2 statements in December. The burned building is undergoing repairs. Harrie Young pastor.

MILTON — Beginning fifth year of pastorate here. Having a leadership training program in cooperation with the Ministerial Association; Dr. James Millar is guest speaker. Joe Jewett, pastor.

OAKRIDGE—Have organized a choir of 15 to 20 voices under the leadership of Robert Belieu, High School band leader. Delmar Poe, pastor.

KLAMATH FALLS — Bible School attendance for 1945 increased 58 over 1944. Biggest year in finances in history of the church. Howard F. Hutchins, pastor.